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THE MALICE GREEN CASE 25 YEARS LATER

DETROIT'S FACE OF POLICE BRUTALITY

In November 1992, the unarmed black Detroiter was beaten to death by white cops. Many still argue whether justice prevailed.

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A pair of plainclothes Detroit police officers approached Malice Green as he sat in front of a known drug house on the city's west side.

When Green reportedly refused to drop what he was holding in his clenched hand, the beating began. At least one of the officers used his heavy steel flashlight to pound Green, and more cops arrived.

An ambulance whisked the bloodied Green away. By the time he arrived at Detroit Receiving Hospital, he was dead.

Green instantly became a national face of police brutality. His deadly encounter with police 25 years ago today stirred racial tensions in the region, prompted protests and turned the 35-year-old unemployed steelworker into a household name.

> "It was divisive in the sense that you had different opinions."
>
> **Doug Baker,** a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor

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Since taking office, President Donald Trump has shaken up the status quo, refused to kowtow to the establishment, and eschewed political correctness, just as promised.

Trump's style has changed presidency

Tumultuous year: feuds, FBI probe; supporters still happy

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WASHINGTON – A year ago, Donald Trump was promising the moon in Michigan: More jobs, less taxes, better trade deals for American workers, urban redevelopment, a wall on the Mexican border and more.

In return for that, Michigan voters surprised the nation and helped send him to the White House.

With the anniversary of that victory approaching on Wednesday and nine months into his presidency, Trump still has little to show in terms of legislative accomplishments. Health care reform is dead for the moment and a fractious fight over tax reform awaits. His signature budget proposal — which would have eliminated funding for Great Lakes restoration — has largely been rejected.

More than half of voters disapprove of Trump's job performance. Members of his own party have castigated him for being outrageous and as having "difficulty with the truth." Many voters call him "reckless" and "thin-skinned." He has been criticized for not calling out white supremacists and for picking Twitter fights.

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Homeowner spirals into homelessness as auction takes toll

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Steve Colvin sank into his graying couch and let out a deep, guttural sigh.

The 62-year-old's eyes, watery and somewhat vacant, bounced around the room as he pointed out the knickknacks — and memories — that surrounded him. There was a photograph from his high school yearbook, a wedding anniversary gift from his wife, and, just outside the sliding doors, a set of solar panels he had assembled one spring afternoon to power the house should there be a blackout.

A smile would flash upon Colvin's face as he detailed the significance of each item. It would fade just as quickly, however, as he remembered why he was reviewing it all.

"I'm going to be homeless at 62 years old, never been homeless in my life," he said, his voice gravelly and deliberate. "What am I supposed to do? You tell me and I'll listen."

> **"How does someone 'be' homeless with all this stuff? Where do they put it all?"**
>
> **Detroiter Steve Colvin**

Hours earlier, at 9:45 a.m on Oct. 26, Colvin lost his home in the Wayne County Tax Foreclosure Auction. It was one of about 2,000 occupied homes up for the taking this fall.

A former handyman, Colvin had gotten into a car accident two years earlier, which made it impossible to work.

He received $735 a month in Social Security checks. And when he found out in May that his

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